

House Resolution 39  
(By Mr. Speaker, Mr. Thompson)  
[Originating in the Committee on Rules]

“Amending the Rules of the House of Delegates, by adding thereto a new Rule, designated House Rule 101a, establishing a Bill Reading Docket and setting forth procedures therefor.”

Resolved by the House of Delegates:

That the Rules of the House of Delegates be hereby amended, by adding thereto a new Rule, designated House Rule 101a, to read as follows:

**Bill Reading Docket and Procedures Therefor**

101a. Upon motion of any member, on any legislative day or the day preceding, the House may, by a vote of a majority of those present, establish a period of time known as "Bill Reading Docket". Such motion shall state each bill to be read, the time and order for such bill reading docket to commence and to conclude, and may provide for the recess of the House for not more than one legislative day, during which reading of the docket no motion, except a motion to cease the reading of the bills, by two-thirds vote of those elected, shall be heard. A quorum shall not be required during the reading of the docket. Any and all members requesting that a bill be read shall be present at all times in the Chamber during its reading. All bills read on the bill reading docket shall be considered as having been fully and distinctly read.

After the Reading Docket shall have been completed, or the reading of the bills shall cease upon motion, the House shall revert to its Daily Order of Business, and the bills on the Reading Docket may then be taken up as the House may determine.